

## THE CITIZEN.

## HERE AND THERE.

One who was interested because he spent in the cause, expressed satisfaction with the proceeds of asparagus, strawberries and apricots.

Somehow foreign missions in an unreasonably way are often more fascinating than those nearer home. To illustrate: When the Congregational Church in Glen Ridge was only a project, one of our older church members was approaching on the subject of a contribution towards it. "What a give money for that church? I will not give a dollar to build any church unless it is for the health and they must be Methodists at that."

Where has that dollar gone?

**Essex Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.**

Essex Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, the oldest and best known company in the Bloomfield Fire Department, celebrated their sixth anniversary on Tuesday night in their rooms on Glenwood avenue. There was a rousing attendance of both active and honorary members.

The occasion was in every respect a happy one and pleasant memories of it will linger long in the minds of those who participated. Charity and brotherly love characterized the proceeding, the first towards the needy sufferers of Conemaugh Valley, the last towards the highly esteemed foreman of the company, Mr. F. G. Tower. The subscription list towards the relief of suffering firemen in Johnstown will be kept open until Saturday evening in order to give every fireman in Bloomfield an opportunity to subscribe. The money realized will be sent direct to the Mayor of Johnstown to be applied to the relief of firemen and their families.

Foreman Tower presented his annual report at the conclusion of which Chief Engineer Johnson called on Mr. George W. Cook, for a few remarks. Mr. Cook responded in a very happy vein. He referred to Mr. Tower's career in the department as one of activity and energy, its present efficiency and high standing being no small measure attributable to his efforts. His personal magnetism had drawn him and it was the desire of his friends to prevent this magnetism from being disturbed by unfavorable external influences. To accomplish this they had resolved on investing him with a non-magnetic gold watch and chain. Here the speaker presented the much surprised Foreman with a very handsome time-piece and guard. Mr. Tower endeavored to respond. On ordinary occasions he is a good speech-maker but in this extraordinary event he seemed lost for words. This put an end to all serious business proceedings. The company present then devoted their attention to the demolition of a boundless collation, over which a benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. A. Paul, chaplain. The balance of the evening was made merry with speeches, songs and stories, in which "Uncle Bill" Cadmus, J. Banks Reford, A. C. Marr, T. W. Langstroth and others participated.

The officers of the Truck Company for the ensuing year: President, J. Howard Hardegrave; Vice President, C. E. McDowell; Secretary, T. S. Genin; Treasurer, W. B. Dodd; Clerk, H. B. Davis; Foreman, Frank G. Tower; Asst. Foreman, T. E. Hayes; Trustees, E. D. Ackerman, T. L. Johnson, J. G. Zabriskie and Lewis Dawkins.

**Selecting A Postmaster.**

To the Republicans of Bloomfield:

The election to be held on Tuesday next at which Republicans of Bloomfield will have an opportunity to express their choice as to whom they wish to serve them as Postmaster for the next four years is an important one.

This method of settling the controversy between the friends of Horace Dodd and the friends of Mrs. Hayes was proposed by the friends of Mr. Dodd, because it has the merit of entire fairness, and because it gives the Bloomfield Republicans an equal chance to be heard concerning an appointment which affects the convenience and business interests of all the residents of this town. Whatever the result may be, every man who believes that the majority should rule ought to vote at this election and ought to feel bound to support the result of next Tuesdays vote.

There are other candidates than Dodd and Hayes whose friends will have a chance to vote for the man of their choice whenever he may be, but from present appearances the position will probably be given to either Dodd or Hayes.

We have no desire to attack the personal character of Mr. Hayes. He is a republican who has done good work for his party. Whether this work should be rewarded with the Postmastership is the question before the people at Tuesday's election.

There are a large number of Republicans in Bloomfield who have done as much for the party as Mr. Hayes, and whose claims on that score are just as strong as his, but they make no demands for this office. Horace Dodd has done as much for the Republican party as any man in town, but his appointment is not asked on that ground.

We want to see the business of the Post-Office conducted on business principles and in the most efficient manner, for the convenience of all our citizens and we know that Horace Dodd will give us just such an administration as its affairs.

Mr. Dodd has had twenty-five years experience there, and some people think that is a reason why he should not be re-appointed, but that is the best possible reason why the people of Bloomfield should demand his re-appointment. He will have more influence at Washington in procuring for us additional postal facilities than Mr. Hayes or any new incumbent can hope to secure. This is a strong reason for preferring him and ought to influence many votes.

Mr. Hayes has had no experience which will tend to specially fit him for this office, and even though he should prove as capable as some of his friends claim him to be, his administration of the office would be greatly inferior to that of Horace Dodd. Let us not take a step backward in this matter, but secure for this

office a man who can perform its duties better than any other man in the township.

The experience of the last two years under A. L. Brown has shown the great inconvenience and loss resulting from putting the office into the hands of an unsuitable man.

To the Editor:

As a former resident of your town and one who remembers with much pleasure the acquaintances made there, and who has an abiding interest in the welfare of the place, I trust I may be allowed to speak on this question:

The Postmaster in a non-delivery town is a person who comes in contact with almost every adult person, and should be one approved by all, or the majority of all.

Summit Y. M. C. A. team at Summit last Saturday. Score 9 to 11. The Summit team evidently deluded their opponents into the belief that they had a soft snap, and thus threw them off their guard. The score at the close of the sixth inning was 7 to 1 in favor of Bloomfield. At this point the Summit boys buckled to the work and came out winners. The Y. M. C. A. play the Orange association to-day.

The falling of a portion of the ceiling in the Grammar class room No. 5, Centre School building, on Monday morning, created considerable confusion among the scholars. Some slight accidents occurred, several scholars being struck rather severely with the falling plaster. Order was quickly restored by the teachers. The class room in which the accident occurred is in charge of Miss Hubbard, a proper material for the ceiling of public school buildings was a subject recently discussed. Plaster was considered unfit. The argument in favor of metal ceiling will probably receive additional support in view of the recent occurrence.

It has been currently reported and repeated under the impression has become general that the seats in Westminster Church are all taken by the regular attendants, so that it would be difficult to find even a sitting. Such is not the case, as the ushers can readily find seats for seventy-five to one hundred at any of the church services. Also there are several pews and half pews to rent for any who would like to worship with us.

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—The Essex Passenger Railway Company announce that they will make a trial of the new electric apparatus on the Bloomfield Division June 15th.

—The monthly meeting of the Essex County Building and Loan Association will be held next Tuesday at Unangan's Hall. There will be money to loan.

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